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The following is an extract from a current Soviet inquiry for industrial diamonds, similar to other Soviet inquiries

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- a. 2000 carats of rough stones for grinding purposes, consisting of 25 per cent  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 carat stones, 50 per cent 1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  carat stones, and the remainder  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  carat stones.
- b. 1500 carats of rough stones for lathework, consisting of equal amounts of  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 carat and 1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  carat stones.
- c. 1000 carats of rough stones for other tools, such as glass drills, glasscutters, hardness testers, and glazing, writing, and engraving diamonds, consisting of 20 per cent 10-to 20-point stones, 40 per cent  $\frac{1}{2}$  carat stones, and 40 per cent  $\frac{3}{4}$  carat stones.
- d. 2000 carats of diamond bort, to be used for polishing and drilling diamonds for industrial purposes.

Comment. Previous information indicated that the USSR was very wary of making its diamond requirements known, preferring to deal through smugglers and other unscrupulous individuals, for cash, or equivalent value in quality stones, without invoices.

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